Construction of roads and bridges in the Kunnatnad Taluk.

87. **MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Public Works Department have taken in hand the construction of the roads or bridges in the Kunnatnad taluk out of the allotment provided in the Budget for 1104, and, if so, what they are; and

(*b*) if not, whether it is not because the work is not taken in hand in time that the amount happens to lapse?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) All the works have been commenced except item 101 of Part I of the P. W. D. Budget for 1104, *viz.*, improvement of the road from Valambur to Vettur, for which an estimate is under preparation and item 83 of Part II of the Budget for 1104, *viz.*, improvements to the village road from the 7th mile of the Vengola road to Kizhakambalam, for which an estimate is due from the Division Officer, Kottayam.

(*b*) These two works can be started only after the estimates are sanctioned. The estimates are under preparation.

Kurinji-Tirumanur Road.

88. **MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Are the Government aware:

(i) that they have not yet taken charge of the Kurinji-Tirumanur road constructed by ryots; and

(ii) that the departmental authorities have not taken the necessary action in the matter though the people submitted several petitions to the effect that this road should be taken over and maintained at once and though this matter was urged in the Budget Session of the Council, 1103?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (i) The answer is in the affirmative.

(ii) Action has been taken. The area list for the formal acquisition of the lands through which the road passes, on nominal compensation, is under preparation in the P. W. Division Office.

Conservancy Station at Ankamali.

89. **MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Are the Government aware that a minor conservancy station has been established at Ankamali?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Entertainment of Catholics and Jacobites in the Co-operative Department.

90. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the non-entertainment of Catholics and Jacobites in the Co-operative Department to posts carrying a pay of Rs. 25 and above, was due to want of duly qualified candidates for those posts; and

(*b*) if there were applicants, the reason for not appointing any one to these posts from those two communities?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) This is a very small department so far as the staff and number of appointments are concerned. When recruitment was made some time back, the Government stipendiary students had to be provided for and some non-official workers in the co-operative movements given preference. Due consideration will be given to the claims of all unrepresented communities in filling up vacancies or new posts which may have to be filled up in the department, efficiency always being the main consideration.

Statement, by caste, of Proverthikars in the State.

91. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha cum Thodupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of Brahmins, Nayars, Catholics, Jacobites, Mar Thoma Christians, Protestants, Ezhavas, Mahomedans, Vellalas and members of other castes among the present Proverthikars in the State?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The particulars required by the member brought up to the close of 1103 are given below:—

Brahmins	...	35
Nayars	...	301
Catholics	...	1
Jacobites Mar Thoma Christians	...	3
Protestants	...	...
Ezhavas	...	1
Mahomedans	...	...
Vellalas and other castes	...	60
	Total ...	401

Four places were vacant. Information as to the number of Vellalas and Jacobite and Mar Thoma Christians, among the Proverthikars, has been called for from the Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner.

Statement, by caste, of appointments made by the Dewan Peishkars.

92. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha cum Thodupuzha*): In regard to the permanent appointments and acting appointments of more than three months' duration made by, or on the recommendation of, each of the present Dewan Peishkars during the last two years (1102 and 1103), will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of Brahmins, Nayars, Catholics, Jacobites, Mar Thoma Christians, Protestants, Ezhavas, Mahomedans, Vellalas and members of other castes so appointed?

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